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a slider body;
first and second rails extending in a longitudinal direction along the slider body where leading edges of said rails are spaced from a leading edge of the slider body;
a first structure having a first depth and extending from a leading edge of the body to the leading edges of the first and second rails and between the first and second rails;
a second structure having a second depth disposed adjacent to said first structure and between said first and second rails, said second depth being lower than said first depth; and
wherein said second structure begins more than one-third of the length of the slider body from the leading edge of the slider body.

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6. (Amended) A slider comprising:

a slider body;
first and second rails extending in a longitudinal direction along the slider body;
a first structure having a first height and extending from a leading edge of the body and between the first and second rails;
a second structure having a second height disposed adjacent to said first structure and between said first and second rails, said second height being lower than said first height; and
wherein said second structure begins more than one-third of the length of the slider body from the leading edge of the slider body.

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11. (Twice Amended) A head suspension assembly comprising:

a flexure; and
a slider coupled to said flexure, said slider including
a slider body;
first and second rails extending in a longitudinal direction along the slider body where leading edges of said rails are spaced from a leading edge of the slider body;
a first structure having a first depth and extending from a leading edge of the body to the leading edges of the first and second rails and between the first and second rails;

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a second structure having a second depth disposed adjacent to said first structure and between said first and second rails, said second depth being lower than said first depth; and wherein said second structure begins more than one-third of the length of the slider body from the leading edge of the slider body.

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16. (Amended) A head suspension assembly comprising:
a flexure;
a slider coupled to said flexure, said slider including
a slider body;
first and second rails extending in a longitudinal direction along the slider body;
a first structure having a first height and extending from a leading edge of the body and between the first and second rails;
a second structure having a second height disposed adjacent to said first structure and between said first and second rails, said second height being lower than said first height; and
wherein said second structure begins more than one-third of the length of the slider body from the leading edge of the slider body.

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21. (Twice Amended) A disk drive comprising:
a recording medium adapted to be rotated at a given velocity;
a flexure;
a slider coupled to said flexure and adapted to fly above said recording medium when rotated, the slider including
a slider body;
first and second rails extending in a longitudinal direction along the slider body where leading edges of said rails are spaced from a leading edge of the slider body;
a first structure having a first depth and extending from a leading edge of the body to the leading edges of the first and second rails and between the first and second rails;